TWO CENTS.

Fair tonight and tomorrow. Temperature below freezing tonight.

. Weather.

# DAVIS FLAYS TRUSTS TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Arkansas Senator.

Maiden Speech of the New Suicide of L. S. Nicolai, Former Business Man.

FIELD DAY IN THE SENATE FATAL DOSE OF LAUDANUM

Associates Challenged to Debate Is- Leaves Letters Explaining Reasons sue With Him.

STRONGLY ADVOCATES HIS BILL RECENT FAILURE IN BUSINESS

It Will Put an End to Unlawful Combinations in Trade.

Senator Jefferson Davis of Arkansas delivered his malden speech in the Senate



Senator Jefferson Davis.

tions at the very outset of his senatorial career. Senator Davis, however, did not experience any qualms or quivers. He was not unfamiliar with senatorial customs and some of his friends say that he did not give a fig anyhow for senatorial of the \$20,000 insurance. dignity of precedence.

According to these backers of the new senator from Arkansas Senator Davis ple of Arkansas and not to pay tribute to mouldy traditions of the Senate. He, wanted to let the people of Arkansas know that Davis was on the job. Well, he did let them know it today.

Field Day in the Senate.

It was a field day in the Senate. Spec tators gathered from far and wide to hear Senator Davis, whose fame as a tribune of the plain people had preceded him, deliver his opening challenge to the trusts. It was quietly passed around that Senator Davis intended to snatch the laurels from the brow of Senator Tillman and to make Senator Tillman's pitchfork look like three lead dimes. When the senator began his address the galleries were full and the space back of the senators' seats was crowded with spectators. A number of senators, especially the older and conservative members of the body, were sent during the greater part of his ad-

Senator Davis brought into the grave and dignified Senate something of the at-mosphere of the House when a new memis practicing for his first forensic The senator took his stand in the main aisle, disdaining the narrow confines of a desk, and walked up and down and backward and forward, pausing occasionally to give a resounding whack upon his desk as he delivered some imprecations upon the trusts and their

# An Impassioned Address.

He was impetuous and impassioned. His brow knitted with perspiration and his face was flushed. He quoted Holy Writ, and at times his voice trembled with emotion. The senator appeared to be a man of very wide learning. Some of his hearers could readily imagine that for the of the cold and unsympathetic and conservative Senate, and was reaching back to the source of his power-the plain people of Arkansas.

Indeed, some of his auditors thought that his address was leveled at the lat-

Senator Davis went to the Capitol to day carrying a large dress suit case filled with documents he wished to have on his for reference during his contemplated speech. He was at his desk al most an hour before noon, and before the

arrival of any other senator. When Senator Davis obtained the floor and began his address many of the senators, both republicans and democrats, were in their seats, and they gave strict attention to his remarks.

Senator Davis delivered a passionate address. After declaring that his bill, vigorously enforced, would kill the trusts, e challenged in a dramatic manner any

step forward and contest the issue with him

# Lingual Slip Causes a Laugh.

As he proceeded he showed great emotion and his voice trembled. His words rang with resouncing effect throughout the chamber

Speaking of the annual appropriations for the expenses of the government. amounting to \$300,000,000, he turned to Senator Beveridge and added: "Pile it up on this floor and let my good-looking young friend, the Senator from Indiana, start to count it. He would be as old as Methuselah before he could count half

The Senator detailed appropriations made for maintaining the White House. "And yet," he continued, "President Roosevelt has but five children-at home. The inadvertence of speech brought laughter from all parts of the chamber. "Everything." declared Senator Davis, "is in a trust except acorns and persim-

"Holy Writ," he said, "admonishes us to go into the vineyard and work. I have found nothing in the good book that warrants any of us going into the vineyard to corner all the grapes."

# For the Under Dog.

"The President," he said, "has taken off the dollar the words 'In God we trust.' It's time to take it off. I wonde what the grand old party is going to put on the dollar?"

"This panic was started by those trust (Continued on Tenth Page.)

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for His Rash Act.

Claims That, Vigorously Enforced, Also Alleges Desertion by His Wife. Asks That His Mother Be Notified.

Failure in business, deserted by his family and penniless were the reasons given this afternoon. The Senate met about by Lawrence S. Nicolai, formerly an oil merchant, for committing suicide. They When Senator Davis announced three or were set forth in letters written by Nifour days after the assembling that he colai and left in his room at the George would deliver an address on the question | Washington Hotel, 15th street and New of trusts today a shiver of surprise ran York avenue, where he was found in a over the conservatives in this august body dying condition this morning about 8:30 who were unaccustomed to a senator de- o'clock. He had swallowed a quantity of livering a speech upon great public ques- laudanum, and his condition was so serious that he dia not regain consciousness during the hour he lived after being taken to the Emergency Hospital. One letter was dated August 1 last, showing he had given the question of suicide some thought, and that his act was not the result of a sudden impulse. The letter

"Having recently been deserted by my lawful wife, Mrs. Marian E. Nicolai, 1241 Kenyon street, and same coming at a time when I should have received her cooperation and support the most; this combined with my misfortunes in business during the past year or more, through the unbusinesslike methods of the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiary conerns now doing business here, I have decided to end my combined cares and trou bles on this earth by the taking of my

"I respectfully petition that the person finding this communication will kindly advise my mother, Mrs. Charles H. Nico lai, residing at the Pines, Catonsville, Md. of my act, or the firm of Leckie, Fulton & Cox, attorneys, who are thoroughly conversant with both my domestic and business troubles."

### Thanks and Appreciation.

A second letter, dated August 1, reads: "I desire to extend to you my thanks and appreciation for your recent kind treatment and accommodation. I will respectfully refer you to my once lawful at 1241 Kenyon street northwest, this city, for the settlement of your account against me amounting to \$46.97 to August 1, 1907, and truly trust she will settle same out

have written both my mother and my brother at Baltimore, Md., of my ac-tion, but you will kindly notify the local authorities, and do as you think best for the disposition of my body after death. My lawyers are Leckie, Fulton & Cox. se gentlemen know all about my recent and past troubles, both in business and with Mrs. L. S. Nicolai. "Should any of my relatives from Baltimore visit you regarding me, please ex-tend them any and all due consideration."

Letter to Landlady.

The third letter found in the room was addressed to Miss N. Hayes, proprietress of the hotel, and reads:

"No doubt this letter will surprise you, but I could not stand the strain any longer, and with a view of bringing on relief in my present unfortunate position I have taken my own life by committing suicide. After I am through with this act will be indebted to you for nearly one menth's board, and I truly trust that you will receive your money at the hands of my relatives

Miss Hayes was shocked when she learned of the suicide. Mr. Nicolai had been at the hotel several months, and had made many friends former years, however had deserted him at a time that he needed them most, and his act, it is believed, was due more disappointment at their hands than for other reasons. When he failed in business he thought friends would go to his rescue, but the latter sadly disappointed It then became necessary for him to go into bankruptcy.

Statement by Attorney Leckie. Nicolai, Attorney Leckie stated today, gave up every cent he possessed for the benefit of his creditors. His elegant home on Columbia road went with his other property and effects. Nicolai believing his friends would come to his rescue and put him upon his feet, but the latter did not assist him, and he was left practi-Washington, he stated, cost about \$16,000,

and it was sacrificed for \$1,200. Mr. Leckie said he thought Mrs. Nicolai was not to be blamed for returning to her parents' home; that she was not called upon to make any more sacrifices than she did make and that she had done her part by her husband. After failing in business, Nicolai made numerous efforts to obtain employment, but failed It is said that Mr. Nicolai had borrowed considerable money on his life insurance policy, and that when the claims against it have been settled there will be but

little left. The deceased, who was nearly fifty years of age, was in the oil business in South Washington for a number of years. His company had a large number of wagons used in delivering oil to small stores and did a big business of her son's death, and an undertaker will take charge of the body until rangements are made for the funeral. until ar-

### SEC'Y GARFIELD CRITICISED. Comment on His Submission of a Bill to the Senate.

Senator Heyburn today made strong objection to having a bill sent to the Senate by a cabinet officer and ordered printed and referred to a committee.

'Lince when," he asked, "has a Secretary a right to send a bill here and have it printed?" His objection was made to a bill coming

from the Secretary of the Interior. Vice President Fairbanks suggested that the Secretary had not introduced a bill, the Secretary had not introduced a bill.

The three rear cars of the train left the draft of the bill sent to the Senth rails, two Pullmans turning over ate by him was merely a part of his com-munication and was referred to a com-track under one of the coaches or a

mittee as such. Senator Carter of Montana defended the course that had been taken with the Secetary's bill.

Senator Aldrich interrupted to say that only the President was authorized to transmit such recommendations to Congress, and under certain conditions the retary of the Treasury might do it. "It is the first time I have heard of such action by a Secretary." said Mr. 1.040 miles southwest of this point at Aldrich, "and if it has been done it should



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OFFICER KNOCKED SENSELESS MINING EDITOR SHOOTS AN MAN WHO CIRED "FIRE."

wife, who is now living with her parents Prompt and Drastic Measures Saved Chicago Audience From a Stampede.

> CHICAGO, Ill., December 11.-Three audiences in the Fine Arts and Studebaker man Buck, editor of the Western Nevada olas Tchaikovsky, who last spring accom-Theater buildings were kept from panics Miner. last night by dutck action of fire department officers and theatrical managers after fire had been discovered in the Chicago Musical College building, which joins the structures. One alarmist was knocked unconscious in the lobby of the Studebaker building by an officer of the theater after he had uttered one shout of "Fire. Chatfield-Taylor hurried to the stage of Music Hall, where a performance was being given, and calmed the people smoke and had begun to exhibit signs of Buck was not wounded. alarm

The fire, which was in the organ loft of the Chicago Musical College, on the seventh floor, was of little consequence, and was easily extinguished.

# Fire Chief Was Careful.

Chief Horan ordered that all the fire department apparatus should be stopped a half block north of the theater buildings He also quickly stifled the gongs and the firemen's shouts. In the Studebaker HAS TO DECLINE A \$25,000 JOB
Theater, where a play was being witnessed by 1,400 persons, all the exits were taken in charge by ushers and firemen, who were ordered to throw them wide open at the first symptoms of panic. Less than a score of persons in the On the tenth floor of the Fine Arts building 200 mem bers of the Shakespeare Club were gathered, and in a dramatic school on the teachers were engaged. They were warned by attendants of the building and all left by the elevators.

# RACE RIOT IMMINENT.

Trouble Threatening in Pickens, County, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 11.cally penniless. The oil plant in South While everything was quiet in Pickens county, where the negroes threatened to two days, growing out of the killing of a negro named Lowe and the wounding of a white man named Will Lowe, according to reports received today, the whites are all armed and ready for any outbreak. stealing cotton. .

When relatives and other, negroes approached the officer who had him shooting became promiscuous, and the negro was killed and Lowe was hurt. Sixteen negroes are in jail in the western part of Pickens county, charged with participating in the excitement.

# For Delegates by Primary.

Special Dispatch to The Star. sued a statement yesterday to the effect pany; Frank Jenkins, former president of always been in favor of a state convention Frederick Jenkins, a director in these inof delegates chosen by primary elections to which the question of the support of the state for the republican presidential nomination shall be submitted for decision and will welcome the proposition made by Senator Foraker in his letter to

### Keystone Express Wrecked. COLUMBUS Ohio, December 11 .- The

first section of Panhandle train No. 29, the Keystone expresss, was wrecked last night at Frazeyburg, forty-nine miles east of Columbus. It is stated that half a dozen assengers were injured; none fatally

broken piece of rail caused the wreck.

# OCEAN LINER MOVEMENTS.

BROWHEAD, December 11.-The steamer La Provence, from New York for Havre, was in communication by wireless telegraph with the station here, when 5:35 a.m. Will probably reach Havre at

# SLUGGED A PANIC MONGER KILLED IN GOLDFIELD IMMURED IN PETER AND PAUL

EASTERN PROMOTER.

Special Dispatch to The Star,

GOLDFIELD, Nev., December 11 .-Francis L. Burton, a mining promoter, who had recently established offices in Mina, Nev., was killed there yesterday afternoon in an encounter with J. Holt-

The editor, it is said, recently printed an article in which he alleged that Burton had been convicted of fraud in Massachusetts and had been more recently run out St Peter and St. Paul. of the town of Rawhide by a committee of indignant citizens. The editorial advised citizens of Mina to take some measures to persuade the promoter to leave town. The next day Burton met the edifor on the street. Both men were armed. in the audience, who had smelled the Shots were fired. Burton was killed.

### Funston Starts South. SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.-Gen. Funston started for Goldfield at 8 o'clock

this morning.

# WITTE'S LOST CHANCE

IN GERMANY.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 11 .- Count Witte, the former premier, who recently returned to Russia from a visit to Berlin with the intention of accepting the position of consulting expert of the Russian eighth floor about seventy-five pupils and Bank for foreign trade at a salary of \$25,000 a year, has abandoned the plan on account of the opposition in certain official quarters.

The directorate of the bank has long desired to avail itself of Count Witte's services, and last spring tendered him the presidency of the bank, but Emperor Nicholas declined to release him from the state service. He still remains a member of the council of the empire, but the prejudices of the old bureaucrats, who make create some excitement during the past up a large percentage of the council, are two days, growing out of the killing of a so strong that Count Witte's influence is

### JENKINS FAMILY TROUBLES. The negro Lowe had been arrested for Father and Sons All Indicted by Grand Jury.

NEW YORK, December 11.-John G Jenkins, formerly president of the First National Bank of Brooklyn, and his three sons were indicted by the Kings county grand jury today on charges of conspiracy and perjury. This is the first indict ment against the elder Jenkins, but his sons already had been indicted on other COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 11.-State charges. They are John G. Jenkins, jr., Insurance Commissioner A. I. Vorys is- former president of the Jenkins Trust Comstitutions.

The doors of these institutions were closed several weeks ago. The four Jenkins had been warned that they would be wanted in court and were present to Their counsel pleaded not be arraigned. guilty in their behalf, and bail for John G. Jenkins, sr., was fixed at \$10,000, while that of his sons was made \$2,500, as they are already under heavier bail in other

The charges against them are based on the loans alleged to have been made by the First National Bank of Brooklyn and the two trust companies to the accuse men. It is charged that they engaged in a conspiracy to secure these funds in excess of 10 per cent c: the paid-in capistock of the various concerns, that reports to the state superintendent of banks were so falsified by them as to conceal the facts that the loans were The charges of perjury were based on this alleged concealment.

Sweden's New Monarchs Receive. STOCKHOLM, December 11.-King Gustav and Queen Victoria this afternoon received in audience the members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Sweden,

who presented their condolences on the be stopped.

Senator Culberson brought the discussion to a close by suggesting that it was out of order.

2 a.m. Thursday.

CHRISTIANSAND, December 11.—Arrived—Steamer C. F. Tientgen, from New York for Copenhagen.

2 a.m. Thursday.

death of King Oscar.

The recipients of the Nobel prizes for this year also were granted private audiences by their majesties.

White many letters many letters many letters and addressed them to the society leader of Chicago. He does not this year also were granted private audiences by their majesties.

# COMPANION OF ALEXIS AL-

LADIN LOCKED UP. Accompanied the Latter on His

Visit to Washington Last Winter. An Old Prisoner.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 11. Nichpanied A. F. Alladin, the leader of the group of toil in the second duma, on a visit to the United States, has been arrested here and confined to the fortress of

M. Tchaikovsky was the founder of the M. Tchaikovsky was the founder of the first revolutionary circle in St. Petersburg and pointed Goebel out to Howard. How-first revolutionary circle in St. Petersburg during the reign of Emperor Alexander II. in which many of the most prominent terrorists were educated. He fled to London in 1875, where, together with Prince Kropotkin, he directed the revolutionary activity in Russia for many years. He was revisiting Russia for the first time when arrested.

In an adjoining cell is the seventy-year old Madame Breshkovskaya, one of the first aristocratic converts to the terrorist propaganda. She was sent to Siberia in the early 70's, but succeeded in escaping from the mines and disappeared. Madame Breshkovskaya was recently apprehended in this city while distributing terrorist lit-

### erature. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS. Selections Sent to the Senate for Con-

sideration. The President sent to the Senate to day the following nominations:

To be assistant treasurer of the United States at St. Louis, Mo.-Thomas J. Akins of Missouri. To be collector of customs for the district of Bangor, Me.-Albert R. Day.

To be second assistant engineer, rank third lieutenant, revenue cutter service-John Frederick Hahn of Maryland. To be associate justice of the suprem ourt of the territory of New Mexico-William H. Pope of New Mexico.
To be United States attorney for the

eastern district of Louisiana-Rufus E. To be United States marshal for the district of Minnesota-William H. Grimshaw of Minnesota.

Commander to be captain-George B Lieutenant commanders to be com nanders-John F. Luby, William B.

Fletcher. be postmaster, Alabama-Charles R. Barker, Anniston.

### WOMEN NAVAL NURSES. Proposal to Install Them as Part of the Regular Service.

CHICAGO, December 11.-"Women nurses should be employed in the United States navy, in order to raise the naval medical service to its highest standard of efficiency," is the opinion of r. R. W. that the friends of Secretary Taft have the Williamsburg Trust Company, and Plummer, passed assistant surgeon of the United States naval medical service. who spoke yesterday at the opening session of the national legislative council of the American Medical Association.

A bill for the establishment and organi zation of a corps of trained women nurses in the navy was recommended to be employed in naval hospitals on shore in time of peace and on hospital ambulance ships in time of war.

### Heavy Chinese Fighting. CANTON, December 11.-The three

strongholds between Lungchow and Langson, in the province of Kwang-Si, which were taken recently by insurgents from Yungchow, have been recaptured by the imperial troops after sangulary engage-ments lasting two days and nights. There were heavy losses on both sides.

### One-Sided Affinity. CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 11 .-

Possessed by the delusion that Mrs. Pot-

ter Palmer of Chicago is his affinity, George Chifford Drouillard was adjudged insane yesterday and sent to Longview Asylum. Drouillard, who was a clerk and has held responsible positions, has written many letters, filled with endear-

# CALEB POWERS' TRIAL MINE'S BAD OUTLOOK

Youtsey, a Lifer, Under a 300 Widows and 1,000 Or-Close Cross-Examination.

phans at Monongah.

HIS EVIDENCE IS WEAKENED SALVAGE WORK PROGRESS

Conflicting Stories Brought Out at Contributions Up to Date Total Georgetown Today. .

ing of Counsel-State Will

Likely Close Tomorrow.

the penitentiary for alleged complicity

with Caleb Powers, Gov. W. S. Taylor,

James Howard and others in the plot

which cost Senator William Goebel his

life, is today undergoing a cross-examina-

which has already greatly weakened the

charges he made against Powers in his

direct examination. Youtsey has contra-

Maj. Owens is bringing out with much emphasis the conflicting stories told by

Youtsey at various times concerning the

case, and Youtsey, like other ear-wit-

nesses, is taking refuge in "I don't re-

The commonwealth will likely close its

case tomorrow after a statement of the

Powers will be the first witness called

Today Youtsey admitted that some of

Most Damaging Evidence.

Youtsey has given the most damaging

evidence so far produced against Pow-

ers, but under the grilling cross-exami-

nation of Judge W. C. Owens he weak-

ened and became badly tangled. On di-

rect examination Youtsey told of numer-

ous plots to kill Goebel participated in

by Powers and Gov. W. S. Taylor. He

swore that suggestions were made by Dr.

W. R. Johnson to blow up Goebel with

nitroglycerin in his room at the Capitol

"I told Gov. Taylor about all

He did not again see Howard.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

him in securing a new trial. This ended

DELEGATES BY PRIMARIES.

publicans in Ohio.

boots, something never heard of before

of Ohio now. Chairman Walter Brown

committee spent last night here con-

ferring with State Insurance Commis-

sioner Arthur I. Vorys, the Taft leader,

and left for Chicago later, saying that

he would not call the committee together

The call will be issued in a few days

and will no doubt fix the date of the

meeting, immediately after New Year, that will give just the required thirty

days' time that must intervene between

is to be the first week in February.

It will require all the counties to have their primary elections during January.

The earliest convention in the history of

the party here was March 11, when Mc

Kinley was a candidate for the presi-dency for the first time. There is no law

Senator Foraker. It is being interpreted as an indication that Senator Foraker

wants more time to prepare for the state

STEVENS MAY RETURN.

Slated for Adviser at the Japanese

Embassy.

TOKIO, December 11.-It is stated that

entered the service of the Japanese gov-

ernment; and has since received the high-

est recognition of his services. He was

Mr. Stevens is well known at Washing-

ton, and he has a thorough knowledge of the people and affairs of both countries.

Oscar's Widow Is Ill.

STOCKHOLM, December 11.-The con-

dition of Dowager Queen Sophia is oc-

casioning anxiety. The strain upon the

queen incident to the illness and death

of King Oscar was very severe, and since

his death she has been almost constantly

confined to her bed.

The body of the late King Oscar was

call and the state convention, which

to arrange for the proposed state con-

vention until after the holidays.

defense as to what it expects to prove.

to the stand in his own defense.

his statements were untrue.

dicted himself on several statements.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

member.'

Almost \$40,000.

PLOTS TO KILL GOEBEL TOLD 170 BODIES SO FAR RECOVERED Witness Badly Tangled Under Grill- Additional Fans Have Helped to

Clear Workings of Deadly Black Damp.

MONONGAH, W. Va., December 11.→ LEXINGTON, Ky., December 11 .- Henry | The excitement of the first few days fol-E. Youtsey, now serving a life sentence in lowing the terrible disaster at the Fairmont Coal Company's mines here has about subsided and the situation has settled down into a steady systematic search for the bodies of the victims. Up to noon tion at the hands of Maj. W. C. Owens today 170 bodies had been brought to the surface, and with large additions to the rescuing force it is hoped to have the

mines cleared very soon. In the caverns penetrated today conditions were found to be much better. There was an absence of gas and the deadly black damp to interfere with the searchers and the wreckage was not so great. The installation of additional fans has

much improved the ventilation. The relief work is progressing in a satisfactory manner. A dozen relief stations are now in operation and supplies of all kinds are coming in rapidly and being as quickly disbursed. The cash contributions up to this time total \$40,000.

In reply to an expression of sympathy and offer of assistance from the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Arnett wired that the relief committee figured on 300 widows and 1.000 orphans as a result . of the disaster, and there was no question that destitution among them would be

very great.

Rumor of Men Still Alive. There were reports last night that some of the miners entombed are yet living. Hotel, and when that plan was abandoned but they are not generally believed. One Johnson suggested sending a bottle of workman claims to have heard knockings polsoned whisky to Goebel in the name of or raps in one section of a room cut off Senator Joe Blackburn or some other prominent democrat. Youtsey says he op-posed that because Goebel did not drink much and others might secure it. Johnson by debris. While it is believed he was mistaken, efforts are being redoubled to reach the spot.

Horrible sights greet the working party. abandoned both plans when the idea was suggested to shoot him from the window of Powers' office. One body was found seated with a lunch basket before it, while one arm was raised in the act of delivering a spoonswore that st of the start of delivering a spool swore that st okill Goesce for the rigid in that position. In other rooms are Powers acquiesced in all plots to kill Goe-bel, and offered his office for the use of any man who would kill Goe-bel, and fixed his door so it would open found missing limbs and a few heads In one room there were found two arms easily. In telling of Goebel's murder, Youtsey repeated the same story he had neatly severed from the body, of which

there was not the slightest trace.

The officials of the Fairmont Coal Comalready told three times. He said that he accompanied James Howard to Powers' pany have been constantly on the scene office, raised the window, drew the blind working as hard as the men with shovels gone thirty-six hours at a stretch withsey says he left the room. In a minute there came a rifle shot, followed by some out sleep, while President Watson and Vice President Wheelwright have been on he tried to cross a fence near the capitol. clad in a miner's togs, with rubber coat boots and hat, was out in the rain nearly The prosecution sprang a surprise on all day. Two men who have rendered the defense by introducing various de-nials that Youtsey had made of the truth good service are Messrs. T. H. Bennett and J. R. Buckingham, who have hanof his story, Youtsey saying they were made because Powers begged him to aid a vast volume of detail associated dled with the direction of the rescue work.

# Raise Fund of \$35,000.

West Virginia has rallied nobly to the call for help sounded by Monongah, and it is not improbable that fully \$35,000 Novel Situation Confronts the Remay be raised for the suffering families of the miners killed in the explosion. Officials of the Fairmont Coal Company COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 11.-The have contributed \$17,500, the Monongah Company \$2,500, while voluntary subscriptions are coming in liberally. prospect of going to a primary election through the snow in overcoats and hip

Not only Fairmont, but the whole state is engaged in the movement to alleviate in this state, confronts the republicans Wheeling, for instance, has manifested deepest concern, and yesterday Mayor Moore of Monongah received from the of Toledo of the republican state central tions offering condolence and pledging assistance. Request was made that Monon gah call upon the organization for any aid in its power to give. Various financial institutions are contributing. The City Bank of Wheeling gave \$500, the Second National of Cumberland has given \$100. indicating sympathy on the part of Mary-land. Clarksburg, Grafton and nearly every city in the state are contributing in amounts ranging from \$500 down to small contributions of \$1, and even 50

> The employes of the Fairmont post office raised a fund of \$200, headed by Postmaster A. H. Fleming, with \$60. Assistant Postmaster Brand gave \$10, while every cashier, clerk and messenger gave each. Pittsburg and has so notified Monongah. The National Grand Lodge of Elks has contributed \$1,000, as a result of the efwho is one of the local lodge of Elks.

cents.

in Ohio by which a state primary election can be held, but the state committee, Schmidt of Wheeling, which is supreme in the party, can pro-vide in its call that the delegates to the The relief work is in the hands of a general relief committee, of which Mayor convention must be elected at regular ry elections, and county committees Arnett of Fairmont is chairman. At a will thus be forced to choose their delemeeting, held in his offices, it gates or run the risk of having them barred from the state convention. The eided to add to the committee the names of Bishop P. J. Donahue of Wheeling and Judge J. M. Mason of the circuit Ohio election laws do provide for county primary elections.

Representative H. C. Bannon of Portscourt. The committee consists of the above and Mayor Moore of Monongah, mouth, who was here yesterday, stated Father Boutlou, Rev. J. C. Broomfield, Rev. H. G. Stoetzer, J. E. Sands and J. that he favored a later date than the week in February for the state convention, and he is an ardent supporter of

Fifty Newspaper Men.

The scene of America's greatest mine catastrophe has lost its fascination for the thousands who have surged about the pit entrance of mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal Company from the moment of the awful explosion of last Friday morning. This crowd had been dwindling ever since rain started Monday night, until last night there only remained in all probability D. W. Stevens will go to the forces employed in rescue work, the Washington as the adviser of the Jap-anese ambassador. Mr. Stevens came to Lance thirty was a state of the Jap-near relatives of victims, who remained faithful in their vigil during the down-Japan thirty years ago as junior attache pour all night and all day and are still of the American legation. He afterward shivering and enduring execuciating physical discomforts in the wet snow

has succeeded the rain. Rescuers are working incessantly. After, est recognition of his services. He was recently foreign adviser to Prince Ito in the Korean undertakings.

Mr. Stevens is well known at Washing.

The bringing out of the work is encountered. The bringing out of the bodies, a distance of a mile or more through the underground workings, is tedious on account of meager facilities, and considerable confusion results in re-

porting the number recovered. Telegraphic service at Fairmont has been under a heavy strain the last week. Monongah has no telegraph office and the fifty correspondents on the scene have to go to Fairmont, eight miles distant, where they file their copy. The Western Union is the only service here, the local manager being Mr. W. T. McWhorter. Under ordinary circumstances there is only one operator, but five extra men have been at work day and night. Over 150,000 been under a heavy strain the last week removed from the castle to the chapel this morning, where it will lie in state from Friday next until the day of the funeral.